

# TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## CAPITAL REGION

REGIONAL IMPACT OF  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES'  
SPENDING, 2019

### AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

- CYPRESS CREEK CAMPUS
- EASTVIEW CAMPUS
- ELGIN CAMPUS
- HAYS CAMPUS
- HIGHLAND CAMPUS
- NORTHRIDGE CAMPUS
- RIO GRANDE CAMPUS
- SAN GABRIEL
- SOUTH AUSTIN

Created to expand Texans' access to higher education, the state's 50 community college districts serve a vital role in our state's economy by developing our workforce, preparing students for further academic study and meeting the specific educational and vocational needs of the areas they serve.

The 10 counties in the Capital region — one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office — include one community college district.

EMPLOYMENT

5,305

OUTPUT

\$691.8 MILLION

COMPENSATION

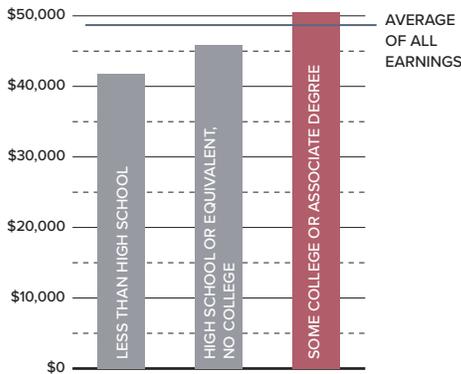
\$399.6 MILLION

NOTE:  
THESE ANALYSES  
PREDATED THE  
COVID-19 CRISIS AND  
THE ECONOMIC  
IMPACTS THAT  
FOLLOWED.

Note: Figures include direct, indirect and induced economic impacts.  
Sources: JobsEQ, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas community colleges

## WAGES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, CAPITAL REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

Community colleges provide their students with a good return on investment.

In 2018, workers in the Capital region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$4,606 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$4,606

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

283,327

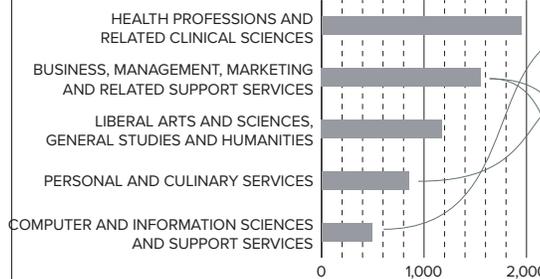
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$1.31 BILLION

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, JobsEQ and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

## CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES, CAPITAL REGION, 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



The Capital region's one community college district awarded more than 1,900 certificates and associate degrees in health professions in the 2017-18 school year; the next most-common award areas were business administration and general studies and liberal arts.

## REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, CAPITAL REGION, 2014-2019



Source: JobsEQ

## SUMMARY

Community colleges play a vital role for students and businesses by offering postsecondary education and job training at great value. As Austin Community College, the Central Texas region's only community college district, works to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, it supports more than 5,300 jobs and adds almost \$692 million in economic output annually. Furthermore, the higher pay of those with some college or an associate degree helps raise total wages in the region by more than \$1.3 billion per year.

## SPOTLIGHT AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

- In response to a critical nursing shortage in Central Texas, ACC launched its first bachelor's degree program in Fall 2018 to allow registered nurses to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- With \$1.5 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, ACC is partnering with IBM to train 350 apprentices in four years.
- Thanks to a grant from JP Morgan Chase, ACC is expanding its Career ACCelerator Program, which offers students a self-paced training schedule, and added tracks in IT, healthcare and manufacturing in Fall 2019.
- ACC has partnered with Toyota Motor North American to offer military personnel a focused Technician Training and Education network program, which began in Spring 2020.

TO SEE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE TEXAS ECONOMY: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/colleges/>